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Poison Gas: Savagery Bespeaks No Strength. The Pentagon declared on September 22 that U.S. troops in south Viet Nam had always had the "authority" to use poison gas. Earlier, Deputy Defence Secretary Cyrus Vance said that in the U.S. "there is not, and never has been, a national policy against the use of riot control agents [U.S.-coined euphemism for poison gas]." Thus, the Washington war criminals have gone on record with their own deposition that they do use and will continue to use poison gas in Viet Nam.



Savagery, however, does not bespeak strength. The Pentagon's audacious recourse to poison gas is because practically everything in its vaunted arsenal, with the exception of nuclear arms, has been tried on south Viet Nam but has failed to make life any easier for the aggressor troops. In the Korean war, the army of rodents and flies sent by the U.S. bacteriological warriors did not bring them victory. Likewise, chemical warfare will not help the U.S. avert its ultimate defeat in south Viet Nam.

Britain: Bertrand Russell Flays Indian Aggressor and U.S. Contriver. Paper can't wrap up fire, as the saying goes. India's thick cloak of "peaceful coexistence" and Washington's

carefully feigned "impartiality" in India's naked aggression against Pakistan have been exposed by many unbiased observers round the world.

In Britain, the prominent philosopher Bertrand Russell said in a statement on September 23 that "for the Indian army to initiate hostilities over the Kashmir ceasefire line was bad enough. The attack on Pakistan itself, without warning, was naked aggression and reckless folly." The refusal to distinguish the aggressor from the attacked is cowardly and no service to peace.

Russell declared that Western press reports indicate that the U.S. contrived the attack on Pakistan through the C.I.A. He stressed that "the Indian army could not have moved without American approval."